



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 8 January 2024 at 7.30

The Village Room, KGV, Browns Lane, Effingham

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3. First Aeffa, but then - Oswald! Sue Morris

The *Valor Ecclesiasticus* research has meant a review of some of the earliest documented information we have about Effingham. Thus we find the mysterious Oswald, the first person in Effingham history with something of a definable identity. He features in the Domesday Book and either he, or Oswald his successor, made a contract in about 1110 which was still in force in 1535! This talk will unveil what we can (and indeed, can't) know about him.

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5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

12 February, 11 March both at The Village Room, KGV;
8 April, 13 May (AGM), venues to be confirmed.



Anonymous
Effingham yokel,
in St Lawrence
churchyard near
the big east
window, 1795-96



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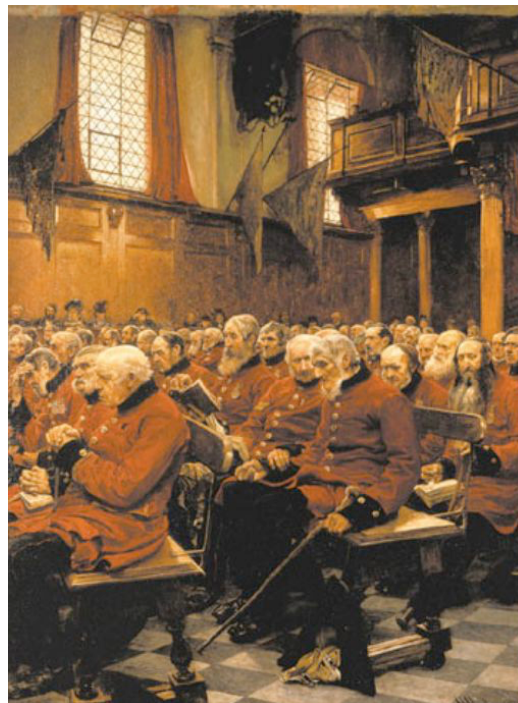
4. Three weddings and an Effingham funeral *Jeremy Palmer, Sue Morris*

Just in time for Valentine's Day, an account of the life and arrival in Effingham of a remarkable old gent. This tale has taken some untangling.

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11 March at The Village Room, KGV;

8 April, 13 May (AGM), venues to be confirmed.



The Last Muster

- a painting which brought instant fame to its young artist, Hubert von Herkomer, when first exhibited in 1875. It shows the Chelsea Pensioners, which connects (a little bit) with the topic of Jeremy's talk.



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MONDAY 11 March 2024 at 7.30

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3. Don't change my holidays *Sue Morris, Martin Smith*

In 2021 Martin Smith gave a presentation about the Ryan family of Coventry whose sons, in the early 1900s, attended the annual Catholic Boys Brigade camps in Effingham. Another such family were the Sullivans from Clapham. The boys wrote home regularly and we have a fascinating sequence of their postcards. Jeremy has just turned up another from young Frank Sullivan to his mum - with a very particular charge.

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4. The Medical Officer of Health's report, March 1896 *Sue Morris*

The very first item on the Agenda of the very first Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 March 1895 was a complaint about the water supply available to residents of Effingham Common. A year later, Dr Jacobs presented his report on water quality. What had he found out?

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This postcard is from a series dateable to use in 1906. It is a view looking eastwards across Effingham Common (ie towards Bookham), from near the entrance to 'Tyrells'.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 8 April 2024 at 7.30

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

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3. What do photographs tell us? *Anne Vallis, Sue Morris*

Many of our presentations include historic photographs and the tendency is to believe that these are much more 'truthful' than paintings or drawings. Yet we know they need not be - it is a technology that can be manipulated. Every so often we pause to look at some images and think about these issues. Anne and her cousin have assembled another collection for us to enjoy and also ponder.

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4. Dirtham: What, why, where? *Mark Eller*

In the Domesday Book of 1086, there were not one but two Effingham manors called 'Dirtham' - but soon, they had seemingly vanished. Where had they gone, and why?

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

Monday 13 May (AGM), venue to be confirmed.



This postcard is from a William Richards series dateable to 1910-20 approx. A photo of Our Lady of Sorrows has been printed artistically in sepia, then the contrast tuned up by hand-drawing.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
will take place on

MONDAY 13 May 2024 at 8.30pm (following the AGM)

at

The Methodist Church, Effingham

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3. Rev Henry Malthus's trees (*Sue Morris*)

Henry Malthus was Vicar of Effingham from 1837 to 1882. He made a special note at the back of the parish's Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths about the trees he had planted around the church in 1851 and 1856. We will look at what he chose, and whether they are still there.

4. Date and venue of next meeting, at The Methodist Church

7.30 Monday 10 June 2024.



Looking up Chapel Hill:

This is the Dawn
Redwood - *Metasequoia
glyptostroboides* - in the
churchyard, but it is not
one of the trees on
Malthus's list.



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 10 June 2024 at 7.30

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

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3. The Paulings' Baby Album *Chris Hogger*

ELHG has an enormous quantity of Pauling material. Quite a lot of it came to us in 2012, the result of a remarkable 'accidental' rescue some ten years earlier. The Edwardian family photograph album of the privileged and wealthy Pauling daughters, Dolores and Jane, is a touching survival.

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Opportunity to browse Anne Vallis's collection of archaeology publications
featuring Effingham and the local area

4. Lt Col Hatton's auction *Mark Eller*

In 1867 the Stringers put Effingham Hill House up for sale. When Lady Caroline Maxse bought it, their tenant Lt Col Hatton had to move out. But what to do with his extensive plant collection?

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

Monday 8 July, Methodist Church



Lola, George Pauling's wife, with the couple's first daughter, 'Ores'.



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3. D-Day in colour *Martin Smith*

Martin recently came across a Youtube film collage about D-Day, in which original moving-film footage has been 'colourised' and set to music. Both of these treatments of original historic material obviously merit discussion but it is a remarkably engrossing and informative piece - and as Martin says, there are surprises.

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4. Finding Lilly Bell II *Anne Vallis*

In 2007 Anne and her husband Phil, both keen archaeologists and members of Discoverers Metal Detecting Club, Guildford, were asked to help in the search for the last resting place of 'Lilly Bell II', an American C47 Skytrain (AKA a Dakota) which had crashed in Jacob's Well in early 1944 killing all four crew. Anne will present the background to the incident and the remarkable results of the project.

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

No meeting in August
Monday 9 September,
Methodist Church



Red Cross vehicles on
one of the floating
Mulherry harbours



The next meeting of Effingham Local History Group
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MONDAY 9 September 2024 at 7.30

The Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, Effingham

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3. The Misses Faris of Effingham *Chris Hogger*

The two Misses Faris were born in India in the early 19th century and came to Effingham with their widowed mother. These three ladies were significant members of the more gracious level of Effingham society for many decades yet a close study of them has so far been overlooked. Chris will introduce them following some detailed research.

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4. 'Guildford, this is Guildford' *Derek Ruffles and Chris Hogger*

Circle Eight is a local film unit which over the years has produced many fascinating films about our area. This copy forms part of the collection made by Derek Ruffles and our former member Ron Dobbs. It describes the early development of Guildford and the coming of the railway, but owing to its age, the film itself is a hugely entertaining historic item.

5. Date and venue of next meeting/s

Monday 14 October, Methodist Church

Monday 11 November, Village Room KGV

Monday 9 December, Village Room KGV

An early 20th century
postcard by William Richards,
of The Cottage on The Street
- home of the Faris ladies for
some years
[Coll. Jimmy Coughlan]





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MONDAY 14 October 2024 at 7.30

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3. Edith Kate Halliwell, 2nd wife of George Pauling *Chris Hogger*

George Pauling of The Lodge married Edith in November 1887, two years after the death in South Africa of his first wife Anne Sophia Ayton. Edith, born in 1868, came from a rather tumultuous family background which saw the bankruptcies of both her father and grandfather as well as the violence-driven divorce of her parents. She became a keen sportswoman, committed to hunting both in England and in many far-flung places abroad. She died aged only 37 from, it was claimed, her over-exertion and eventual exhaustion from the whirlwind of a life she had led.

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4. A photographic (and naval) daisy chain *Jim Murphy, Anne Vallis & Sue Morris*

Jim Murphy, of Maryland USA, is Anne's cousin. Via Anne he supplied the material for a couple of much-enjoyed earlier talks perusing remarkable historic photographs: what happens when black-and-whites are 'colourised'? What information can we take from posed or from spontaneous photographs? What happens when historic photos have a strong impact on us? This new topic arises from an incident which piqued Jim's interest ... How does the historic photo below connect with recent news, and with the Royal Navy in 1812?

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What is the ship, and
where is the bridge?





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3. Businesses on Ranmore *Chris Hogger*

The southern part of the parish of Effingham can sometimes feel like another country. It is much more rural than the area north of the A246 and yet, off the narrow lanes largely hidden and unseen, have been many thriving, and surprising, enterprises. This talk will widen our awareness of them.

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4. X marks - what, exactly? *Sue Morris*

From 1783, various entries in the St Lawrence Church parish register are picked out by a large 'X' in the margin. Who were these people, and why did the Vicar make them stand out?

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RANMORE COMMON, TEA GARDENS AND CHURCH.

'Ranmore Common, Tea Gardens and Church'



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MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024 at 7.30pm

The Village Room, KGV, Effingham

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3. The Christmas Quiz *All of us*

Anne Vallis has come up with the theme of this year's quiz ... something / someone very familiar to us all - *or is he?* Not so much 'Ho Ho Ho' as 'Heh Heh'. Prizes, of course.

INTERVAL

With festive refreshments, slightly more substantial than usual

4. The Christmas Slide Show *All of us*

Every year in our talks we look at quantities of images on every possible topic. This is a reprise of some of the more startling and/or memorable from the year just gone, to properly finish it off.

5. Dates of next meetings

13 January 2025, 10 February, 10 March



Christmas slides!

**Jane Pauling in a tin bath, sliding down the snowy lawn at The Lodge
c1918 ish**